

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 15, 2024

3 **AS AMENDED**

4 SENATE BILL NO. 1472

5 By: Rader

6 **[ athletics - associations - rules - codification -**  
7 **effective date ]**

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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

10 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
11 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-241.1 of Title 63, unless  
12 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

13 A. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Coach  
14 Safely Act".

15 B. As used in this section:

16 1. "Athletics personnel" means athletic directors and other  
17 individuals actively involved in organizing, training, or coaching  
18 sports activities for a youth sports association;

19 2. "Coach" means any individual, whether paid, unpaid,  
20 volunteer, or interim, who has been approved by a youth sports  
21 association to organize, train, or supervise a youth athlete or team  
22 of youth athletes;

23 3. "High-risk youth athletic activities" means any organized  
24 sport in which there is a significant possibility for a youth

1 athlete to sustain a serious physical injury including, but not  
2 limited to, the sports of football, basketball, baseball,  
3 volleyball, soccer, ice or field hockey, cheerleading, and lacrosse.  
4 It does not include any school-sponsored activities;

5 4. "Youth athlete" means an individual age fourteen (14) years  
6 and under participating in an organized sport; and

7 5. "Youth athletics association" means any organization that  
8 administers or conducts high-risk youth athletics activities on  
9 property owned, leased, managed, or maintained by the state, an  
10 agent of the state, or a political subdivision of the state.

11 C. A youth athletics association that sponsors or conducts  
12 sports training or high-risk youth athletic activities for youth  
13 athletes shall require all coaches and athletics personnel to:

14 1. Complete an online or residence course approved by the State  
15 Department of Health, if available at no cost, which provides  
16 information and awareness of actions and measures that may be used  
17 to decrease the likelihood that a youth athlete will sustain a  
18 serious injury while engaged or participating in a high-risk youth  
19 athletic activity; and

20 2. Sign a statement developed by the youth athletics  
21 association attesting that the coach or personnel has completed the  
22 course and understands the information provided by the course. The  
23 signed statement shall be maintained by the association for as long  
24 as the coach or personnel is affiliated with the association.

1 D. The State Commissioner of Health may promulgate rules as  
2 necessary to implement this section.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

4 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
5 February 15, 2024 - DO PASS AS AMENDED  
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